

Dear Colonel Marland:

It was a great relief to hear from you and learn that our people were not only on the road but should be arriving any time now. Atis Main has moved up from Manila and Col. Mashbir is anxious to place as many in the field as he can spare. We have drawn up our plan of allocation of personnel to field units and have made all necessary revisions in terms of Captain Brown's list received this morning.

The changes in our operations procedure which you note have been made. [It has been increasingly apparent to me that lines demarcating functions of sections must be drawn very fine, because the job here is going to be a big one-much bigger than anticipated.] You will see in my last journal extracts that circumstances have forced certain modifications upon our operation. To capitulate: [Theater interests in documents have been extended beyond the "security and control" category to include any document that may pertain to the field of research or investigation in progress here. The Services do not contemplate long term research in Washington, but rather plan to perform their studies here with the aid of Japanese technicians and Japanese military specialists. As a consequence our shipments must be cleared by WDIT before documents can be evacuated to the States. We felt at first, you will recall, that a very few documents will have to be microfilmed and originals kept for local exploitation. As more and more teams report for duty and more and more investigations are planned it will be necessary to make documents available to them for their studies.] Lt. Col. Smith has the situation well in hand, and has already procured for us storage space in the T. I. C. arsenal, Tokyo. Col. Mashbir restated his unwillingness to have

documents evacuated to this building. Our procedure will not be changed. [Upon arrival of a shipment to the warehouse, we shall issue Shipping Advices with a covering letter informing the agencies that the documents listed are to be held for a period of two weeks and will then be evacuated to the States. We shall keep requests for microfilming down to a reasonable minimum.)

This afternoon we had a session with Col. Mashbir, Col. Gresswell, and Col. Doud. First mentioned indulged in much colorful profanity, but also outlined in very emphatic language to Col. Smith the most practicable procedure to be followed in collecting documents and evacuating them.

I hope very much that Col. Smith can be retained for this activity. Apart from considerations of rank, he has a great number of connections with GHQ, he knows the working of WDI, and above all, he is capable of great industry--truly a refreshing change. After working here a month since your departure, I sincerely recommend that a field grade officer who knows the organization, who knows GHQ, and knows War Department head this operation. Col. Smith has a practical intelligence^{which} should function to our advantage.

As a matter of interest, you will recall that immediately upon your departure I visited the Imperial GHQ Bureau of Information on Prisoners of War--located some ten miles from here. I submitted strong recommendations that the site be secured and that an inventory be prepared at once. Col. Mashbir informed me today that CI, at long last, and after many incriminating items were destroyed, is collecting the documents and turning them over to GHQ.

You will see from my weekly reports that I have tried to keep each section going, so as to set up a precedent for the personnel who will take over. [The Acquisition Section has been quite active and channels have been established now which will enable Major McFarland and Lt. Tsukahira to pitch right in and carry on. The Provost Marshall's Office turned over to me a letter from Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, in which Library of Congress's interests in books, pamphlets, periodicals, maps, music, and prints are mentioned. We have also had turned over to us a letter from "Mathematical Reviews", Brown University in which mathematical and scientific journals are listed.

Shipping Advices Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10001, and 10002 will be forwarded shortly. Shipping Advices numbered from 1-5000 pertain to documents from 8th Army area, 5001-10,000 to 6th Army area, and 10001- to documents derived from miscellaneous sources which have got to Atis, or to WDC.

I hope that the flow will be raining in upon you--I am quite optimistic, and assure you that I shall endeavor my utmost to justify your confidence in me.

With kindest regards,

As ever



Major Stremmlau is leaving Friday or Saturday this week.

Commander Reierstad has not yet formulated his plans for the immediate future--I believe that he will be on deck, as it were, through the first two weeks in December. He qualifies for discharge 1 Jan 1946 and I do not think he wants to sweat it out in the States.